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Senator Dawn Buckingham Working with President Trump and Texas' Congressional Leaders for a Better Healthcare Plan

This week I was deeply honored, and humbled, to be invited to the White House by President Donald Trump. Being asked to serve on the administration's "Women in Healthcare" panel, to discuss deficiencies in healthcare and the onerous bureaucratic burdens of the Affordable Care Act, was an excellent opportunity to share many of the negative impacts experienced in Texas.

It was also an opportunity to suggest solutions from a "front-line" perspective for a better replacement plan - restoring more patient-centered healthcare options.

In this letter, which I provided to the President and his staff, I outlined several suggestions for a better healthcare approach to replace the broken and inefficient current one-stop-fits-none system.

Based on my own personal and professional experiences, and countless individual experiences of Senate District 24 constituents, I suggested block grants from the federal government which will allow us to administer a healthcare system that works for Texas; less bureaucratic requirements which will unshackle doctors and nurses from excessive paperwork allowing them to spend more time providing actual medical care for patients; and a unique approach supporting individual choice and encouraging individual responsibility by replacing nonsense with common sense in a healthcare plan.

It was gratifying to observe President Trump's commitment and I was proud to represent Texas in this effort to quickly replace the Affordable Care Act with a workable healthcare system our nation so desperately needs.

I also met with many great Texans serving our nation to discuss this issue and others facing Senate District 24 including: Secretary of Energy Rick Perry; Congressmen Jodey Arrington, Michael Burgess, John Carter, Mike Conaway, Michael McCaul, Lamar Smith, Roger Williams and Mike Conaway; and Senator John Cornyn and the staff of Senator Ted Cruz.

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